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REV. A. A. SMITH.

The subject of this sketch is ex-Postmaster of Mount Olive, N. C., where he served for four years. He is also Moderator of the Bear Creek Association. He is Moderator of an Association in Sampson County, the Western Union; Pastor of Holly Green Church, East of Genoa, N. C.; Augusta Chapel, West of Dudley, N. C.; Patterson Chapel, South East of Kinston, N. C.; Best Grove Church, North East of Goldsboro, N. C.; President of McDaniel Industrial School, Kinston, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS.

Pikeville, N. C., August 1st, 1918.

The Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Sunday School Convention convened with Hooks' Grove Baptist Sunday School in its thirtieth annual session.

Thursday morning at 10:15 o'clock President Eugene E. Croom called the meeting to order. Praise service conducted by Rev. R. H. Harper and Bro. John Edmonson. Rev. Harper lined hymn number 396; Bro. John Edmonson read the third chapter of James; a fervent prayer was offered by Rev. R. H. Harper; said he: "We are thankful to meet again in another Convention." He was sincere in his petition to God. Bro. John Edmonson then sung a verse of "Saviour more than life to me," etc.

Then President E. E. Croom called for the Welcome Address. Rev. R. C. Carroll answered the call in a few words. He bade the Convention to feel welcome to Hooks' Grove church and community. Responded to by Rev. Harper; he also gave the Convention a few words of hearty welcome.

Motion that the Program be received, which was received and adopted. The Program received as a guide.

The roll was called. (See same.)

ENROLLMEFT OF MESSENGERS.

Holly Hill—Louvenia King	25 cents
Best Grove—Nora Barnes and Zilphia Croom 25 cents each	50 cents
Atkinson Chapel—C. R. Rogers	25 cents
Morning Star—J. H. Jones	25 cents
Banks Chapel—R. T. Jones	25 cents
Barnes Chapel—S. W. Williams	25 cents
Rouse Chapel—Not represented	
First Baptist, Lucama—Mary E. Morgan	25 cents
St. Mary—Henrietta Dupree	25 cents
Mt. Pleasant—Sudie Newsome	25 cents
Augusta Chapel—Ila Lane	25 cents
Ebenezer—Martha Croom	25 cents
Patterson's Chapel—W. H. Baker	25 cents
Hickory Hill—Not represented	
Hooks' Grove—Florence Jones, Ophelia Evans, Lillie Howard, 25c each,	75 cents
Holly Green—By letter	
Shady Grove—Camilla Bruner	25 cents
Saints Delight—H. C. Evans	25 cents
St. Stephens—Romy Roberts	25 cents
St. James, Goldsboro—	
St. James, Kinston—	
First Baptist, Dover—	
Total	$ 4.75

OFFICIAL MEMBERS.

Rev. R. C. Carroll	50 cents
Bro. E. E. Croom	50 cents

Bro. John Edmonson	50 cents
Rev. A. A. Smith	50 cents
Rev. A. R. Bryant	50 cents
Rev. C. C. Crawford	50 cents
Bro. H. C. Carroll	50 cents
Bro. J. C. Barnes	50 cents
Bro. B. W. Smith	50 cents
Bro. E. K. Patterson	50 cents
Rev. R. H. Harper	Honorary
Total	$ 5.00

ANNUAL MEMBERS.

Bro. J. S. Green	25 cents
Bro. E. S. Harriss	25 cents
Bro. W. H. Thompson	25 cents
Bro. J. H. Aycock	25 cents
Miss Serena Hooker	25 cents
Bro. B. A. Jones	25 cents
Bro. Zedekiah Bryant	25 cents
Bro. George W. Wooten	25 cents
Miss Jennie Aycock	25 cents
Mrs. Augusta Faison	25 cents
Miss Mary B. Bryant	25 cents
Bro. E. T. Jones	25 cents
Bro. D. W. Colley	25 cents
Bro. Norman Cherry	25 cents
Miss Mary E. Croom	25 cents
Little Missie Simmons	25 cents
Miss Florence Jones	25 cents
Miss Mary J. Colley	25 cents
Mrs. Appie Godwin	25 cents
Mrs. Anna Gordon	25 cents
Mrs. Sophia Joyner	25 cents
Bro. Jimmie Foye	25 cents
Miss Mamie Howell	25 cents
Bro. Luke Best	25 cents
Total	$ 6.00

At 12:30 motion that time be extended to hear an Introductory Sermon preached by Rev. R. H. Harper, assisted by Rev. R. C. Carroll; Rev. Carroll lined hymn number 381, "Sweet land of rest, for thee I sigh," which was sung by the Convention; then he read the first chapter of Acts; Bro. S. W. Williams offered prayer; he plead earnestly to God in his petition; then "Fade away each earthly joy," was softly sung. Then the president, E. E. Croom, introduced Father Harper to preach the Introductory Sermon.

Rev. Harper selected for a text the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles; subject: "When wilt thou restore the kingdom to Israel?" Father Harper is an able divine. Bro. E. K. Patterson offered prayer; said he, during our absence one from another we have seen many hardships and tribulations; said he, We are thankful to meet again. The brother plead earnestly for protec-

tion. A verse of "The morning light is breaking," was sung by the Convention.

Motion that brother J. H. Jones assist the Secretary.

Collection was omitted. Annual and joining fees amounted to $4.25. Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 2:15 p. m., the Convention assembled for evening work. Rev. A. R. Bryant lined hymn number 487, "I heard the voice of Jesus say," etc. Rev. C. C. Crawford then read the first chapter of St. Luke—38 verses; he also offered prayer to God; said he: We thank Thee for this golden opportunity to meet in another Convention on an occasion like this; he asked for that "Old Time Religion." Then hymn number 231 was sung.

Motion to hear the Minutes of the forenoon session read. They were read, received and adopted with proper correction.

Roll called for annual members, schools and messengers.

Motion to adjourn for the afternoon.

Annual and joining fees amounted to $7.25. Benediction.

NIGHT SESSION.

At 8:20 p. m. the Convention re-assembled. Opened by singing hymn number 487, "I heard the voice of Jesus say, Come unto me and rest," etc., led by Rev. C. C. Crawford; then he read the sixth chapter of Isaiah. Bro. E. K. Patterson offered prayer giving many thanks to God for enabling us to re-assemble; said he, "O, for a faith that will not shrink." Then C. C. Crawford lined hymn number 293, "Father, I stretch my hands to Thee," etc.

The Convention then listened attentively to the President, E. E. Croom's, address, which was highly appreciated by the Convention. Said he: We see the sign of progress—if we will only push forward. He also mentioned our school at Kinston, N. C., and its great success during the past winter, which was the greatest known in our history of the school; said he, we highly appreciate the Principal for his great work. He ended by saying "We are on our drive."

Moved that the President's Address be incorporated in the minutes.

Then came forward Rev. C. C. Crawford to preach the Missionary Sermon; Rev. Crawford sang this song, "Oh! Lord, Thy will be done," etc. He took his text from the sixteenth chapter of St.

Mark, 15th and 16th verses, "Go ye into all the world, and preach my gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." Subject: "A call to service." This was a splendid sermon; all seemed to be revived.

The Convention then sang "There is rest for the weary," etc. Prayer was offered by brother C. R. Rogers. The Convention then sang "What a fellowship," etc.

Misses Sudie Newsome and —— Evans lifted a collection which amounted to $10.05.

Rev. A. A. Smith came forward with a few remarks in regard to his work in the McDaniel School at Kinston, N. C. Said he took the great responsibility upon himself, looking to the Association and Convention for aid. He said that God had opened the way. He also urged the brethren to bind our mites together and work in peace and harmony.

Homes assigned. Adjourned by benediction.

FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Pikeville, N. C., August 2nd, 1918.

The Bear Creek Sunday School Convention re-assembled on the above date. The President and Vice-President being absent, Bro. E. K. Patterson acted instead. Rev. A. A. Smith and Rev. C. C. Crawford ascended the rostrum and conducted praise service; first hymn number 164. Rev. A. A. Smith read the 103rd Psalm for morning lesson. Prayer by brother J. E. Edmonson; the brother was thankful to God for His protecting care and asked Him for a visitation of the Holy Spirit to accompany us along the rough journey of life. The brother was strong in his petition. Second hymn number 209, "Holy, Holy," etc. President announced the house ready for business.

A motion prevailed that we hear the report of the Committee on Constitution and Resolutions.

Motion prevailed that report be received and adopted. (See report.)

Directory report was received and adopted. (See report.)

Report of Committee on Time and Place was received and adopted. (See report.)

Motion to hear the reports of the District Superintendents. The reports were received and adopted. (See same.)

REPORTS OF THE SUPERINTENDENTS.

Bro. B. W. Smith, District No. 1 ..... $ 21.22
Bro. J. C. Barnes, District No. 2.....

Bro. H. C. Carroll, District No. 3	4.50
Bro. George Wooten, District No. 4	7.50
Bro. Roderick Dew, District No. 5	
Bro. Henry Bolter, District No. 6	
Bro. J. H. Jones, District No. 7	
Bro. W. B. Smith, District No. 8	
Bro. C. H. Bryant, District No. 9	
Bro. J. E. Edmonson, District No. 10	5.25
Bro. Henry Baker, District No. 11	3.00
Total	$ 41.47

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION OF OFFICERS.

Rev. A. R. Bryant, Bro. W. J. Rodgers, Miss Luella Cherry, Bro. S. W. Williams, Bro. Henry Baker, Rev. A. A. Smith, Bro. J. H. Aycock, Mrs. H. C. Evans.

Motion to hear reports of the Lady Agents, which were received and adopted.

REPORT OF LADY AGENTS.

Augusta Chapel—Miss Leatha Cox	$ 6.00
Banks Chapel—Miss Tessie L. Jones	
Holly Hill—Miss Ada Dawson	6.25
Patterson Chapel—Miss Hattie Loften	
Rouses Chapel—Miss Millie Aldridge	
Liberty Grove—Miss Grays Best	
Bests Grove—Miss Luella Cherry	7.50
Atkinson Chapel—Miss Annie Atkinson	1.00
St. James, Kinston—	
St. James, Goldsboro—	
First Baptist, Lucama—Mrs. Mary Morgan	3.26
First Baptist, Kinston—	
Barnes Chapel—Miss Serena Hooker	1.00
Ebenezer—Miss Arabella Suggs	
Holly Green—Miss Bessie Cobbs	1 00
Living Hopes—Miss Sarah Powell	
First Baptist, Dover—Miss Willie Branch	
Mount Pleasant—Miss Suddie Newsome	3.09
Shady Grove—Miss Effie Wooten	7.00
St. Stephens—Miss Gillie Armstrong	
Saints Delight—Mrs. H. C. Evans	3.25
First Baptist, Eureka—Miss Eula Johnson	
Hickory Hill—Miss Eliza Harris	
Mary's Grove—Mrs. Henrietta Dupree	2.00
Little Creek, —— —— ——————	1.85
Total	$ 43.15

Motion to hear the report on nomination of officers. Report received and adopted.

Moved and carried that a committee of three be elected to look after the printing of the minutes and programs. The following compose the committee: Rev. A. A. Smith, Chairman; Miss Luella E. Cherry and E. K. Patterson.

Mrs. Mary E. Morgan and Miss Luella E. Cherry came forth and lifted a collection which amounted to $5.26.

Adjourned for dinner.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Convention re-assembled at 2:30 o'clock. The meeting was opened by singing hymn number 48, "Oh for a thousand tongues to sing, my great Redeemer's praise," etc. Rev. H. B. Joyner read the 98th Psalm, "Oh sing unto the Lord a new song," etc. Prayer by Deacon E. L. Harris. He thanked God for giving us a successful meeting. Then hymn number 72 was sung by the Choir of Goldsboro, N. C. The Junior house was then pronounced ready for business.

Motion to hear the minutes of the forenoon session, which were received and adopted with proper correction.

Motion that Rev. W. H. Bryant come forward to preach the Doctrinal Sermon, assisted by Rev. H. B. Joyner. The choir then sang hymn number 580. Rev. Dr. Bryant was then introduced to the congregation. He selected for his text the first chapter of Peter and 18th verse. Subject: "We are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation." The sermon was reviving to all; it was a powerful one. Then Rev. H. B. Joyner offered prayer; the Rev. was earnest in his petition; he also asked God to take care of our Secretary, J. C. Barnes, who had just gone to join the United States Army.

Then brother B. W. Smith and Miss Hamilton lifted a collection, which amounted to $3.36, while the choir rendered some excellent music.

The Committee on Obituary made their report. Report was received and adopted.

The report of the Treasurer of the Convention was read, received and adopted.

Moved and carried that the Convention donate to the Reverends who preached during the meeting the sum of $1.00 each.

The Committee on Finance reported. Report was received and adopted.

Motion that the Lady Agents who bring to the Convention, during the next session, the highest amount over $10.00 get a prize of $2.00; second prize $1.50; third prize $1.00.

The Committee on Disbursements made their report which was received and adopted.

Moved and carried that we return a vote of thanks to the good people of Hooks' Grove community for taking care of the Convention.

Rev. R. H. Harper, assisted by others, was appointed to conduct the meeting on Sunday.

Motion that the money raised on Sunday be divided between the preachers and the Sunday School Convention.

The Convention adjourned to meet with Patterson's Chapel Sunday School on Thursday before the first Lord's Day in August, 1919, at Kinston, N. C.

E. E. CROOM, President.

SERENA HOOKER, Clerk.

☞ Be ready for the Anniversary of the Sunday School Convention to convene at Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Goldsboro, N. C., in June, the date to be named. Look out for bills.

REPORTS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TIME AND PLACE.

Mr. President—We, your Committee on Time and Place, beg leave to report as follows: That this Convention shall meet on Thursday before the first Lord's Day in August, 1919, and the place shall be at Patterson's Chapel, near Kinston, N. C.

Bro. S. W. Williams, Chairman,
Miss Zilphia Croom,
Miss Ophelia Evans.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Mr. President and Messengers—I, your Treasurer of the Bear Creek Creek Sunday School Convention, beg leave to make the following report:

Carried forward and received cash	$25.10
July—Received from A. A. Smith	3.00
Total	$28.10
Disbursements	22.50
Balance on hand	$ 5.60

Submitted,

Rev. W. H. Bryant, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY.

Mr. President—We, your Committee, beg leave to make the following report: Since our last sitting the following deaths have been brought to our notice:

Bro. W. L. Rouse and Sister Jazie Andrews of Ebenezer.
Bro. B. L. Cherry and Sister Charity Whitfield of Best's Grove.
Sister Hattie Edwards of Mount Pleasant.
Bro. Guess Suggs and Sister Lucy Patterson of Patterson's Chapel.
Sister Lou Cox and Sister Sudie Bell Thompson of Augusta Chapel.

We hope our loss is Heavens gain.

George D. Wooten,
Mary E. Morgan,
Connie Lee Bruner,
Florence Jones,
Sudie Newsome, Sec.

FINANCE REPORT.

Mr. President and Delegates: We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows:

Public Collections	$ 20.37
Annual and Joining fees	15.75
Representing fees	69.30
District Superintendents	41.47
Lady Agents	40.35
Total	$ 187.24

C. R. RODGERS, Chairman,
MISS NORA BARNES,
MISS ADA DAWSON, Committee.

COMMITTEE ON DISBURSEMENTS.

Mr. President: We, your Committee, beg leave to submit the following report and order the same paid:

To President	$ 4.00
To Vice-President	1.00
To Clerk	8.00
To Assistant Clerk	1.00
To Treasurer	1.00
For Programs	2.00
For Stationery	.25
To B. W. Smith	2.50
To Rev. A. A. Smith for advertising	5.00
To State Convention	3.00
Paid to preachers	3.00
Total paid out	$ 30.75

BRO. A. R. BRYANT, Chairman.
BRO. ROAMY ROBERTS,
MRS. HENRETTA DUPREE,
MISS MARTHA CROOM,
MRS. H. C. EVANS, Committee.

After paying all expenses due the Convention turned over to the Treasurer the following amounts:

Total collections	$ 187.04
Money on hand	5.60
	$ 192.64
Amount paid out	30.75
Balance in treasury	$ 161.89

DIRECTORY BOARD'S REPORT.

Mr. President and Delegates to the Bear Creek S. S. Convention: We, your Directory Board, beg leave to submit the following report:

On May 3rd, 1918, we were called in joint session with the Trustee Board of the Association. We received the report of the Principal of the McDaniel School which showed a term of approximately eight months had been taught with an increased attendance over that of last session. The Principal of the School Rev. A. A. Smith and the Lady Teacher Mrs. E. D. Boykin, were re-elected. The assistant Principal is to be elected later. The school is to be run this session on nine months salary basis. This session a committee composed of Rev. C. H. Andrews, Rev. W. H. Bryant and E. K. Patterson were appointed to draft rules and regulations for running the School. Bros. E. K. Patterson, J. N. Jones and Joe Dawson were elected as Local Standing Committee.

Members of Board present:

BRO. E. K. PATTERSON,
REV. A. A. SMITH,
REV. R. C. CARROLL,
BRO. JOHN EDMONDSON.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. President and Delegates: We, your Committee beg leave to make the following report: After a careful examination of the Constitution we find it

o. k., saving the following: We recommend Article 1st be amended so as to read Lady Agents shall have Rail Road expenses to and from the Convention out of what they raise.

We recommend Art. 3. read $1.00 per day and traveling expenses to members of the Directors and Executive Boards.

We recommend that the Treasurer shall give bonds for the amount of the money turned over to him. This is to be regulated by the Directory Board.

REV. C. C. CRAWFORD, Chairman,
REV. R. C. CARROLL,
REV. A. A. SMITH,
REV. R. H. HARPER,
BRO. JOHN EDMONDSON,
BRO. B. F. JONES,
BRO. E. K. PATTERSON.

RE-ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

Bro. Eugene E. Croom, President.....Goldsboro, N. C.
Bro. B. W. Smith, Vice-President.....Saulston, N. C.
Miss Luella Cherry, Clerk.....Goldsboro, N. C.
Miss Serena Hooker, Corresponding Secretary.....Goldsboro, N. C.
Rev. W. H. Bryant, Treasurer.....Kinston, N. C.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Bro. B. B. Best, Chairman.....Goldsboro, N. C.
Rev. R. H. Harper.....LaGrange, N. C.
Bro. W. J. Rogers.....Goldsboro, N. C.
Bro. J. H. Atkinson.....LaGrange, N. C.
Bro. C. H. Lane.....Dudley, N. C.

DIRECTORY BOARD.

Bro. E. K. Patterson, Chairman.....Kinston, N. C.
Rev. R. C. Carroll.....Goldsboro, N. C.
Bro. E. C. Foye.....Goldsboro, N. C.
Rev. A. A. Smith.....Kinston, N. C.
Bro. John Edmonson.....LaGrange, N. C.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS.

District, No. 1—B. W. Smith.....Saulston, N. C.
District, No. 2—S. W. Williams.....Goldsboro, N. C.
District, No. 3—H. C. Carroll.....Goldsboro, N. C.
District, No. 4—George Wooten.....LaGrange, N. C.
District, No. 5—Mrs. Mary E. Morgan.....Lucama, N. C.
District, No. 6—Henry Baker.....Kinston, N. C.
District, No. 7—J. H. Jones.....Kinston, N. C.
District, No. 8—B. W. Smith.....Saulston, N. C.
District, No. 9—C. H. Bryant.....Falling Creek, N. C.
District, No. 10—John Edmonson.....LaGrange, N. C.

LADY AGENTS.

Augusta Chapel—Miss Leatha Cox.
Banks Chapel—Miss Tessie L. Jones.
Holly Hill—Miss Ada Dawson.
Holly Green—Miss Bessie Cobb.
Living Hope—Miss Sarah Powell.
First Baptist, Dover—Miss Willie Branch.
Mount Pleasant—Miss Sudie Newsome.
Shady Grove—Miss Effie Wooten.
St. Stephens—Miss Lillie Armstrong.
First Baptist, Lucama—Miss Mamie Pater.
First Baptist, Eureka—
Hickory Hill—Miss Eliza Harris.
Patterson Chapel—Miss Hattie Loften.
Rouse Chapel—
Liberty Grove—Miss Nanny Gray.
Best Grove—Miss Dora Crawford.
Atkinson Chapel—Miss Annie Coley.
St. James, Kinston—
St. James, Goldsboro—
First Baptist, Kinston—Miss Laura Washington.
Barnes Chapel—Miss L. Nora Barnes.
Ebenezer—Miss Arabella Suggs.
Mary's Grove—Mrs. Henrietta Dupree.
St. Delight—Mrs. H. C. Evans.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

School and Post Office.	Superintendent and Secretary.	Number of Scholars.	Money Sent.
Barnes Chapel, Goldsboro	Handy Barnes, Rosa Rouse	37	$ 3.70
St. Delight, Walstonburg	G. W. Coppedge, H. C. Evans	25	2.50
Shady Grove, LaGrange	Henry Semers, Connie Brener	25	2.50
Best Grove, Goldsboro	E. C. Foye, Lula Cherry	40	4.00
St. Stephens, Goldsboro	B. R. Thompson, W. H. B. Atkinson	40	4.00
Holly Hill, Falling Creek	Jonah Dawson, Mary King	26	2.60
Atkinson Chapel, Goldsboro	W. J. Rodgers, H. Draughon	68	6.80
Patterson Chapel, Kinston	J. E. Baker, F. M. Vause	40	4.00
Ebenezer, LaGrange	A. L. Joyner, Helen Wooten	65	6.50
St. Mary's, Lucama	Mrs. Henrietta Dupree, Smithie Dupree	60	6.00
Hooks Grove, Pikeville	Matthew Fields, Ophelia Evans	22	2.20
First Baptist, Lucama	Mrs. Mary E. Morgan, Mamie Daniel	50	5.00
Augusta Chapel, Goldsboro	C. H. Lane, James R. Smith	48	4.80
Mount Pleasant, Saulston	B. W. Smith	35	3.50
Morning Star, Kinston	J. H. Jones, Zebbie L. Nunn	60	6.00
Banks Chapel, LaGrange	W. E. Kennedy, Charlie Jones	50	5.00
Holly Green, Dudley	J. C. Cobb	..	.75